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CANYON CITY ON UPGRADE

New Buildings and Important Improvements Being Pushed to Completion With Others in Sight

The plans and specifications of the new union depot which were submitted by the Santa Fe railway to the State Railroad Commission at Austin, were referred to the Commercial Club of this city for their approval. The Club without a dissenting voice petitioned the Commission for a larger and more commodious depot than that proposed by the Railway Company. At the present rate of growth our city will have some six thousand people within the next eighteen months and since the city or rather its people, have paid out in the way of bonus nearly \$200,000.00 lately for new enterprises, thereby increasing the property value of the Railway Company as well as creating them new business, the people of Canyon City are of the opinion that they are entitled to an up-to-date and commodious depot.

The machinery for the new steam laundry is now on the track ready for installation. When installed it will be one of the largest steam laundries in the west.

The contractors have about two-thirds of the work done on the sewerage system and promise the completion of same in about ten days when they will start to work on the city water mains. This system of water and sewerage when completed will cost about \$30,000.00 and will be owned and controlled by the city.

The furniture and fixtures of the First National Bank have arrived. These fixtures cost some \$5,000.00 or more and when placed the First National will have one of the prettiest homes in the entire country.

The furniture and fixtures of the First State Bank of Canyon are on hand and this institution only awaits their charter when they will be ready to do business. This bank will occupy the quarters recently made vacant by the first National when it moved into its new \$30,000.00 building. This institution is composed of some of the best and most influential men of our city and a growing business is predicted for it. Canyon City is known among the life insurance companies of Texas as a live town, there being a Canyon man as director of the Amicable of Waco, the Lone Star of Dallas, the Home of Ft Worth and Amarillo Company of Amarillo. Upon a little calculation it was ascertained that Canyon people held life insurance stock in these various companies to the amount of \$100,000.00.

A \$50,000 pressed brick plant a \$30,000 flouring mill, an ice plant, an alfalfa mill, a new opera house and a new \$30,000 Baptist church are some of the new things we are to get.

In building line Canyon is forging to the front, Mr. J. T. Service having recently completed an \$8,000.00 home near the Normal, Mr. R. A. Debbs a \$5,000 home on 1st and Pecos streets, Prof. Foster two handsome cottages on West Evelyn street and Mr. Turk a \$6,000 residence on West Huston. There are some twenty or more plans in the hands of the architects from people who are going to build new residence, one of which is a large two story brick or stone by Mr. Jno. Begrin.

A new \$30,000 three story brick hotel is now under contemplation by former residents of Canyon who want to come back and help boost Canyon.

The corner stone of the West Texas State Normal College will

be laid under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity at a very early date, invitations to which will be extended to the entire Panhandle and some 10,000 or more people are expected to be present. A barbecue is planned for the occasion and thirty or more beeves will be slaughtered. Two or three brass bands will discourse the music and "A hot time in the old town" is promised.—Daily Panhandle.

Sam Wiggins for County Commissioner

As has been stated in these columns, that whenever Randall county needs a good and efficient citizen to look after his welfare the problem is quickly solved as she has within her borders good and capable citizens to fill those offices. Some years ago there was born in Sebastian county, Ark., a boy, living with his parents, moved with them to Kaufman county, Texas, when only seven years old, and who lived there until he was a man grown, when in 1900 he saw the great future that was in store for him in the great Panhandle country he took the advice of the great and renowned thinker "Horace Greely," and went northwest, and landed in Randall county some ten years ago, secured a section or more of her fertile soil and says he likes the country, and has become one of her prominent, prosperous and industrious farmers. This citizen and neighbor, Sam Wiggins requests the News to announce him for the office of county commissioner for precinct No. 3, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. The News recommends Sam to all the voters as a worthy citizen, he never has asked for or filled any of the county offices.

Entertained Little Folks.

Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas very pleasantly entertained an Easter party at their home Monday afternoon in honor of their grand children, Ruby, Martin and David Meyers.

The little folks were entertained with an Easter egg hunt and with such games as "Blind man's buff", "Donkey", etc., while their mothers and the other ladies present played forty-two. At six o'clock a delightful supper was served, places being marked for the children by Easter egg on which their names were written. Those present were Mesdames Chas. Dyson, O. C. Davis, L. L. Sellars, Thomas Dowling, E. W. Myers and their children, Misses Katie and Georgia Upfold, Rose Kleinschmidt, Ella Twachtman and Edith Stoxen, Mrs. J. B. Gamble, Mrs. Ed Hoffman, Mrs. Dan K. Usery and Mrs. Dorothy Dorman.

Mortuary

Last Friday evening March 25th occurred the death of Mrs. Mary Alderson, wife of our respected townsman, J. S. Alderson, she was sick only a few days with pneumonia, when she succumbed to the dreaded disease. The deceased leaves besides a husband and father, five sons and two daughters to mourn her loss, all of whom were present. One married son who resides in Ft Worth, one daughter the wife of Chas. Huffines of Wichita Falls, and one daughter the wife of M. Boyd of Hale Center, and four sons who reside at home, the youngest is about six years old. A short service was held at the house before taking the remains to the afternoon train for shipment to her former home Rohme, Texas for burial. Her many friends and neighbors here sympathize with the bereaved husband and family.

The "Billionaire Special" Train.

Santa Fe officials are planning to send a novel train eastward from Pasadena on Friday—the "Billionaire Special" it will be called. It will run direct from Pasadena to New York, with a stopover at the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

Six private cars will be occupied by the Andrew Carnegie party, Mrs. Russell Sage, Major and Mrs. Slocum, Edwin Gould and family, W. Steward Webb and party, and other New York financiers who have been spending part of the winter in California.

In addition to the private cars there will be a sleeper for servants, an auxiliary refrigerating car, and a car for automobiles.

Mary Had an Easter Hat

Mary had an Easter hat.

With brim of purple straw, And everywhere that Mary went 'Twas but the hat you saw.

It quite obscured her pretty face,

It was so very wide, And trimmed with flowers fruits and lace, And other things besides.

She wore it to the car one day, A risky thing to do, For, when she tried to pass the door, The hat could not get through.

So then the "con" made her get off.

And said she could't ride, But Mary only laughed and said, "I'm glad the sidewalk's wide"

EDWARD W. LOWERY.

The Poultry Yard

Perfect cleanliness from now on will cut short the louse crop of June.

If you stamp a date on your eggs, sell them before the date gets old.

Keep your meat scraps where they will not get stale and sour. Fresh feed is what makes healthy hens.

Feed little and often, and be careful about overfeeding. This is the great secret in feeding brooder chicks.

Banish the fighting stock from your pens. Give them a place all by themselves. That is the best kind of arbitration.

Cook some beans or peas, mix them with wheat and feed twice a week and see if you don't get a lot more eggs.

Have every thing convenient. Steps saved in the care of poultry will mean that much less labor. Labor costs money.

When the brooder chicks seem very thirsty, wild for water, let them drink and feed very lightly while so feverish.

Many a setting of eggs has been spoiled by making the nest on the floor where the wind can come up through the cracks under the old mother hen.

The owl sat mute in a hollow tree; Through the long day not a sound made he.

Why, then, is wisdom ascribed to this bird? It is because he speaks never a word.

The moral is plain, as all may see; If we would esteemed for wisdom be, And the most renowned of men among, We must early learn to hold the tongue.

Miss Rose Kleinschmidt left Tuesday evening for her home at Elgin, Ill., after an extended visit with her parents here.

Are Well Pleased With Texas

Attorney S. F. Novotny together with Mr. Albert Kalous and Jos. Zrutzky returned this morning from Randall county, Texas, where Mr. Kalous and Mr. Zrutzky each purchased a farm. Mr. Kalous will move on his new farm within a few days and Mr. Zrutzky will go in the fall or spring. Mr. John Prusek for many years of this city, recently purchased a farm in Randall county and is now busy putting it into crop. While there Mr. Novotny made arrangements to have some of the land broke with a steam plow and put it into crop for himself and expects to see his land already in crop when he goes there again next month. The Bohemian people know good land when they see it, and there is no doubt but that within a very short time there will be a good sized Bohemian settlement in Randall county, Texas, as all who see the county are very well pleased with it.—Gazette.

Out of the Ginger Jar

The crow sticks steadfastly to his caws.

The chewing gum girl lives from hand to mouth.

The night-key is not usually the key to success.

Even the wise men are occasionally other wise.

A mortgage on the house will not prevent the roof from leaking.

There are some men so lazy that they will not even file their liens.

It isn't worth while to call in a veterinarian for a bad case of eggs.

The business of a promoter is to persuade your money into his pocket.

A little vanity keeps a man keyed up to his best, while too much renders him obnoxious to his fellows.

There is many a stump speaker who would much better be at home pulling the stumps from his own clearing.

Bob: "I see Smith in town; what motive brought him?" Rub: "I don't know for sure, but I it was a locomotive."

Some of the real farmers complain that the average city agriculturist doesn't know a corn on the hand from corn in the ear.

The man who sets out in life's race expecting to have a walk-over is likely to be run over before he has proceed far upon his way.

The simple word "hash" covers a multitude of things we know nothing about and assures us that when ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise.

Wanted

A man, competent to care for and run the water pumping plant and inspect the sewer and water use and connections with the water and sewer mains and laterals. Competency and faithfulness to duty, are the only requests for securing the job and this (if your application for the job is accepted) must be secured by a bond security for at least \$500.00, your friends who will sign for you know whether or not you can and will perform the duties. Snides or experiments deed not apply. Union or no union men will be no advantage or disadvantage. Licence or no licence, if you want the job, write out the proposition, state experience, submit reference or credentials addressed to the Mayor, Canyon City, at whose office all applications will be opened in public Tuesday, April 5, 1910.

JASPER N. HANEY, Mayor.

FIFTY KILLED AND FORTY INJURED.

In Rock Island Double-header Train, Coaches Telescoped Passengers Crushed like Egg Shells—Near Green Mountain Ia.

There occurred on last week one of the greatest railroad wrecks, four and a half miles north of Green Mountain Iowa, which has ever happened in the State of Iowa. The causality was about fifty killed and forty injured many being women and children. Briefly stated the circumstances were: a Chicago Rock Island and Pacific train which was a consolidation of No. 19 from Chicago and No. 21 from St. Louis bound for Minneapolis, Minn., was being detoured over the the track of the Chicago and Great Western road. Running at a speed estimated from 30 to 40 miles per hour in a cut north of Green Mountain, it struck a spread rail or soft track it is believed. The pilot locomotive jumped the track and with a terrific force was buried in an embankment of soft clay. A second engine coupled behind the first rolled over and the impact of the sudden stop hurled all of the rear cars forward with such force that a coach, a smoker and a pullman were smashed to splinters, almost all the occupants being killed or injured. Many passengers were apparently killed outright, heads were severed from bodies and arms and legs cut off, the sight was to horrifying to detail. The wreck occurred at a point difficult to reach with relief. Such bodies as could be secured were stretched out in an adjoining pasture, but the first attention was given to the wounded. Fortunately the wreckage did not take fire. The rescue party being reinforced later on by trains of wreckers, nurses sent from the nearest available points, worked all day and until long after dark.

It is estimated the death loss and the payment of indemnities to the estates of the fifty dead and forty injured in the wreck, last week will aggregate not less than \$350,000 or \$400,000.

There is only one thing about that horrible Rock Island road wreck near Green Mountain, Ia., calling for comment by the newspapers, and is the plain fact that with the proper care for the lives of travelers such wholesale slaughter would not occur, it is the same thing over again. You find it is practically in every case where a railroad wreck is particularly all disastrous. The smoker and the day coach telescoped by the sleepers helplessly caught in this trip, the victims are crushed and mutilated.

This feature of the railroad should be eliminated. If all cars were equally resistant this telescoping would not occur. In this case where half a hundred lives were snuffed out.

The impact in the Pullmans at the end of the train was so slight that a passenger is quoted as saying that it did not feel like a wreck, it seemed he said like someone had thrown a brick on the floor. Those frail cars ahead were the cushions that thus reduced the impact. We submit that in such a case the discomforts of travel are not equitably distributed. While the man in the steel pullman didn't even know that it was a wreck, so slight was the jar that reached him, fifty lives were being crushed out in the buffer zone that insured him safety. That is not right, it is almost criminal. Perhaps the time is not far away when it will be considered so.

A Des Moines, Iowa, despatch says, "The gist of the finding of the State railroad commissioners of Iowa, following its informal investigation of the Green Mountain

wreck, in company with the officials of the Rock Island railroad, was made public this afternoon. The commission says the wrecked train was running at the rate of 40 to 45 miles an hour and that a train being pulled by engines which were backing up could not run with safety at a speed to exceed twelve to fifteen miles an hour.

Is also said that all the people in the train who were killed and who were sitting with their back to the head end of the train, either had their backs broken or their heads crushed. This was due to the tremendous speed with it stopped. The commission also found that after the locomotives had toppled over against the clay bank of the cut, they did not go forward more than from three to seven feet. This sudden stop was the primary cause of the great number of fatalities. "This finding of commission was not made public in the formal report, but probably outlines what the reports will cover."

The standard pullman sleeping car doesn't telescope. It is built to resist impact. Why not forbid the use of cars not built in a like substantial manner? The railroads of the country could better afford to build their day coaches in a substantial manner and protect the traveling public than to take such risks. Had this particular train been made up entirely of standard sleepers or of cars the equal of the standard pullman in strength and resistance, there would of been no telescoping, there would of been no wholesale killing.

It cannot be said that there would of been no fatalities among the passengers, the impact would have been severe throughout the entire train, cars perhaps would have been overturned or thrown about, and it is possible that some of the passengers would have lost their lives, but it is evident that there would have been no such horrible results as the telescoped car produces. We should think a few more such examples of the dangers of frail smokers and day coaches in such a position with a heavy sleepers would be sufficient to arouse a public sentiment strong to demand and secure the needed reform.

The Grist Mill Assured

Canyon is to have one of the latest up-to-date flouring mills on the plains, this is an assured fact, as contract is made and the lumber ordered, everything done that can be done now, the latest improved machinery, plenty of capital behind the movement, and by people who are schooled in the science of good milling, it will be no experimental work, the News makes a prediction that with the soil suitable for growing wheat and with a mill such as is contemplated, Canyon farmers will undertake to feed the people of the plains, and all Panhandle Texas, and if need be we will feed the people of all adjoining states, we can do it, if it becomes necessary.

A Painful Accident.

While Rev. J. M. Harder was turning out the electric lights in the First State Bank building after a sociable given by the ladies of the Baptist Church last Tuesday night, the chair on which he was standing slipped and threw him in such a manner as to break two of his ribs on his left side near the spine. He is suffering great pain for the nerves in the spine seem to be affected.